(ख) क्या सरकार राजस्थान में भी इलैक्ट्रानिकी-उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए किसी प्रकार की सहायता देने का विचार रखती है ; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलेक्ट्रानिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल): (क) हाल ही में, इलेक्ट्रानिकी के विकास को बढ़ावा देने की दृष्टि से नीति-विषयक एकमुश्त उपायों की घोषणा की गई है ।

(ख) सरकार इलेक्ट्रानिकी उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए सम्पूर्ण देश के किसी भी अनुमत क्षेत्र में प्रोत्साहन देती है । राजस्थान राज्य के लिए कोई विशेष उपाय नहीं किये जा रहे हैं । राज्य सरकार ऐसे उद्योगों की स्थापना करने में सहायक परिस्थितियां उत्पन्न करने का प्रयास करती है । जब कभी आवश्यकता पड़ती है तो इलेक्ट्रानिकी विभाग आवश्यक मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करता है ।

Provision of Sophisticated Weapons and Better Facilities for Delhi Police

*256. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what specific steps are being taken to provide the Delhi Police with sophisticated weapons and requisite facilities to make it more effective and mobile in the light of high incidence and nature of crime in Delhi ; and

(b) whether Government are considering increase in strength of the Delhi Police and providing better training facilities to them ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) on the recommendations of the Shrivastava Study Group 4,814 additional posts have been sanctioned for the Delhi Police. The existing Police Training School is being upgraded and equipped with up-to-date modern training facilities.

Statement

Delhi Police is being equipped with sophisticated and modern equipment and weapons in order and make it more effective. In addition, the following steps have been taken to make it more responsive and mobile :—

1. Delhi Police Zones have been increased from 6 to 9. Each zone will be looked after by a Deputy Commissioner of Police .

2. 37 new police stations will be opened on the next three years. With these additional police stations Delhi will have 100 Police Stations by 1988 as against 63 at present.

3. Mobility of th Police force has improved; and Inspectors and 50% Sub Inspectors in the Special Branch will be Provided with Motor Cycles.

4. 118 additional patrol carsha ve been sanctioned. These will be equipped with wireless communication and controlled by the Police Control Room. For this Purpose staff of 1923 personnel have been sanctioned .

5. A Special Cell to deal with crime against women has been sanctioned with the staff of 44, which will work under a Deputy Commissioner of Police.

6. Proposals for improvement of the Traffic Branch and an increase in the strength of vehicles in the Delhi Armed Police have also been a sanctioned.

7. A Post of Additional Commissioner of Police (Training) has been created in Delhi Police .

8. An operation cell to deal with terrorist activities has been created in Delhi Police.

9. Steps are under consideration to equip Delhi Police with more modern weapons.

Illegal acquisition of Indian Passports by Bangladeshis

*257. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govenment's attention has been drawn to the allegation made by a Legislator of Bombay that a Large number of Bangladeshis are surreptitously acquiring Indian Passports with the connivance of unscrupluous agents and passport officials and that such Bangladeshis in large number are reaching Bombay, besides Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi; and

(b) whether Government have enquired into the matter, if so, what are the findings in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) :(a) The Government of India is not aware of any large number of Bangladeshis acquiring surreptitiously Indian Passports. There were two cases recently when passports were issued to persons who were supposedly Bangladeshi nationals. This information was already given to the Honourable House on 22nd of August (Unstarred Question No. 2650). In both these cases the Passports were subsequently revoked as soon as it come to light that there were reasons to believe that they were not Indian nationals.

(b) Central Passport Organisation, Ministry of External Affairs is concerned with the issue of travel documents to Indian nationals, whenever applications are received for issue of passports, enquiries are made from the concerned police authorities for *inter alia* the following :—

1. Identity.
2. Nationality.
3. Security.
4. whether there are any criminal charges against the individual.

Only when we receive clear reports do we issue passports ? Every effort is made to ascertain the nationality of the applicants and, therefore, only after thorough enquiries by the State Police authorities concerned all decisions are taken with regard to the issue of Passports.

Survey of forest area in the country

*258. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : MISS SAROJ KHAPARADE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) when was the last survey on the forest area in the country made ;

(b) what is the total forest area in the country according to the last survey;

(c) whether forest area in the country has been dwindling due to large scale deforestation ;

(d) if so, the total forest area that has been degraded ; and

(e) the steps being taken to check the unabated felling of trees ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) The last comprehensive compilation of areas registered as forest was done for the year 1981-82.

(b) According to this, the total forest area in the country was 74.72 million hectares.

(c) Yes, Sir.